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FOR NAC AGENCIES

- 1. ADB PRESIDENT HAS APPROVED \$50,000 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA) GRANT TO GOVT OF THAILAND TO FINANCE FOREX COST OF PREPARATION OF PORT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT. GIVT WILL BEAR LOCAL COST OF SERVICES AND FACILITIES. PORTS INVOLVED ARE SONGKHLA (FACING GULF OF THAILAND) AND PHUKET (ON ANDAMAN SEA).
- 2. BANK NOTES THAT URGENT NEED EXISTS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF DEEP-SEA PORTS IN SOUTH THAILAND TO ELIMINATE PRESENT COSTLY TRANSSHIPMENT AND/OR LIGHTERAGE OPERATIONS UPON WHICH EXPORTS/IMPORTS OF REGION ENTIRELY DEPENDENT. WHILE SEVERAL FEASIBILITY STUDIES WERE CARRIED OUT BY JAPANESE AND BRITISH BETWEEN 1972-1974 IDENTIFYING BASIC PROBLEMS, PRESENT TA WILL FILL IN CERTAIN GAPS, PARTICULARLY RELATING TO INTER-DEPENDENCY OF PORTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS. SUPPLEMENTARY WORK REQUIRED EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT THREE MONTHS. STUDY IS TO BE CARRIED OUT BY TEAM OF THREE EXPERTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMPRISING CIVIL ENGINEER (PORTS), TRANSPORT ECONOMIST

AND CIVIL ENGINEER (CITY PLANNING). GOVT ALSO EXPECTS TO APPROACH BANK AT LATER DATE FOR TA LOAN FOR PROJECT.

3. UNDER PARA. 7.2 OF BANK'S GUIDELINES FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, TA PROJECTS NOT EXCEEDING \$50,000 MAY BE APPROVED BY PRESIDENT WITHOUT APPROVAL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

4. ADB DOC. R8-76 DATED FEBRUARY 3, 1976 DESCRIBING TA PROJECT POUCHED FEBRUARY 5. SULLIVAN

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